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SUBJECT: IRRIGATION

REFERENCE: MANILA 6065

1. BEING FULLY AWARE OF BUREAU'S DESIRE SUPPORT WELL FORMULATED IRRIGATION PROJECT IN PHILIPPINES, WISH SUPPLEMENT REFTEL WITH ENCOURAGING WORD RECEIVED FROM COL. DUMOL. ACCORDING TO DUMOL, NATIONAL IRRIGATION ADMINISTRATOR JUINIO HAS REQUESTED DUMOL'S ASSISTANCE IN CONCEPTUALIZING AND IMPLEMENTING INSTITUTIONALIZATION IRRIGATION SYSTEM OWNERSHIP, OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE IN ORDER TO EVENTUALLY DIVEST NATIONAL GOVERNMENT (I.E., NIA) OF THIS INCREASING AND IMPOSSIBLE BURDEN. DUMOL COMMENTED THAT THIS COULD BE FIRST STEP TOWARDS LONG AWAITED BREAKTHROUGH IN ATTITUDES WHICH LAYS GROUND FOR DEVELOPMENT NATIONAL PROGRAM BUILDING ON PILOT PROJECTS NEA/DAP/NIA/PDAP NOW CARRYING OUT UNDER BISA LABEL. FYI, AFTER SEVERAL MONTHS BISA ACTIVITIES, AS WELL AS PUBLIC DEDICATIONS AND INAUGURATIONS BISA PROJECTS TO WHICH USAID HAS BEEN INVITED, DEMONSTRABLE INSTITUTIONAL RESULTS ARE STILL LIMITED, ALTHOUGH WE ARE PERSUADED THAT POTENTIAL FOR DEVELOPMENT OF VIABLE INSTITUTIONAL APPROACH APPEARS FAVORABLE UNDER BISA PROGRAM. END FYI.

2. DUMOL INDICATED HE WOULD WELCOME USAID COLLABORATION THIS EFFORT AS LOGICAL ADJUNCT TO ONGOING RURAL ELECTRIFICATION, PDAP

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AND AGRICULTURE PROJECTS. THE IDEA IS, OF COURSE, ATTRACTIVE AND

VERY MUCH IN LINE MISSION VIEWS. UNDERSTAND FROM CHANDLER IN
MANILA THAT BUREAU AND USAID VIEWS MUCH CLOSER THAN WE EARLIER
AWARE.

3. WE BELIEVE MOST RATIONAL AND PROSITIVE RESPONSE WE CAN MAKE
TO DUMOL IS TO PROVIDE TEACH ASSISTANCE OF THE DIND WE EXPECT
WILL BE AVAILABLE IN THE FULL-TIME USAID STAFF POSITION WE
SUGGESTED IN REFTEL. HOPE THEREFORE AGENCY WILL BE ABLE LOCATE
FOR US WELL EXPERIENCED AND KNOWLEDGEABLE MAN IN IRRIGATION
FIELD WITH PROVEN CAPABILITY IN ORGANIZATIONAL ASPECTS OF
IRRIGATION DISTRICTS, ASSOCIATIONS, COOPERATIVES, ETC., AS
REQUESTED REFTEL.
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